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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

JP 6-86811, JP 63-77053 and U.S. 4,030,540 cited in the Chinese Office Action were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement on September 22, 2006 and are not cited on Form 1449. An English abstract is provided for the remaining Japanese reference.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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